THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Reserve Bank of India has reported that Bank of Karad had not advanced a credit of Rs. 50 crore to the firm in question.

(b) Does not arise.

Estimate of Black Money

1972. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest estimate of black money in the country; and

(b) what steps are being taken to unearth black money and also to punish the hoarders of black money?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, in its study on "Aspects of the Black Economy in India" had estimated the black income generation at 18-21 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (at factory cost) for the year 1983-84. The Government of India have no current estimates of black money in the country.

(b) The Government have been taking administrative, legal and fiscal measure to curb the generation of black money. The policy reform initiated by the Government in the spheres of trade, industry and the financial sectors are expected to control the generation of black money in the country. The marginal tax rate has been brought down and number of tax slabs reduced. With the announcement of the new industrial policy and export-import policy, a number of restrictions and controls have also been removed. The deterrent measures taken by the Income Tax Department include: surveys, operation, search and seizure operations indepth investigation in cases selected for scrutiny; and pre-emptive purchase of properties. It is, however, a very complex problem and all possible measures would be taken by the Government to meet the emerging situations.

Profits earned by Central Public Undertakings against Portfolio Management

1973. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Public Sector Undertakings in the country deposit huge sums of money in various Bank's Portfolio Management to earn interest;

(b) if so, the details of the said amount deposited in various banks during the year 1991-92;

(c) what is the amount of interest earned by each Central Public Undertaking by this method during the year 1991-92; and

(d) what is the manner in which this amount was utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) do not have full details of funds placed by Central Public Sector Undertakings with banks under Portfolio-Management Services. However, as per information available with RBI, the amounts placed by the prominent Central Public Sector Undertakings with banks and their subsidiaries (as on February, 1992) wer eas under:

(Rs. in Crores)

(i) Indian Railway Finance Corpn.	858.80
(ii) Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd.	200.00
(iii) National Thermal Power Corpn.	192.00
(iv) National Aluminium Co. Ltd.	136.10
(v) Nuclear Power Corporation	150.00